

But there is a more successful way. It is this: Keep him out of your own heart. Do you know what this will do for you? It will make growth in the grace of our Lord the chief motive of your life. It will make you send the Lord's message to others in every possible way. If you are a lay-member it will untie the strings of your purse and loosen your tongue for prayer for the success of the work. If you are a deacon it will make you a means of blessing to the fatherless, the widows, and the poor under your care. If you are a preacher your heart will be so full of the glorious tidings that you cannot help but tell them. And if you are an elder or a pastor *the love of God* is the name of the wall that surrounds your flock and holds it safe together.

And if there is anything of which men can build a wall so high and so thick and so close as to keep the world out of the church it is the pure love of God. But if you want this wall tumbled down and riddled thru and swept away, and the world in with a rush, try men's wisdom and plans and inventions, and above all, compulsion, for the latter is the distinctive tool of Satan.

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### A Better Church Literature

In these days of universal intelligence and wide information, no cause can flourish which is not supported and illustrated by a literature superior to the ordinary tests of verbal and philosophical criticism. Particularly is this true of moral reforms, and of all religious work on denominational lines. Moral reforms and denominational enterprises do not readily find favor with the populace. They win their way with difficulty. It is with a persistent and perpetual elaboration of reasons, illustrations, authorities and appeals that they conquer that comparative measure of popular approval and acceptance which justifies the claim of success.

The propaganda of a church is its most important function. It lives to extend the knowledge, belief and practice of its doctrines. The fact that it holds certain doctrines received by divine revelation essential to human happiness implies a fundamental responsibility to disciple and enlighten others. This conclusion follows from that charity which is the soul of religion, and is moreover enforced by express command. No other religious duty has a more emphatic sanction. If we have the light, there is one moral necessity,—let it shine by every method indicated by revelation, by Providence and by experience. The doctrines of the Christian religion are paramount. They are the chart of eternal salvation. They discover the strait gate and the narrow way, so much hidden behind the inextricable confusion of discordant creeds and voluminous sophistry. They are to be proclaimed to the ends of the world.

The great command is to PREACH. Print is preach writ large. Next to the support of the pulpit it is the highest interest and the profoundest wisdom of the church to support its publishing enterprises. Its books, pamphlets and periodicals should reflect its highest, brightest scholarship. Pastors should find, or rather they should provide a church literature so cogent, so scholarly, so bright in style and thorough in elaboration as to be the most efficient auxiliary in their work. Pastors can not separate the interests of the local church and the Publishing House. The pastor

who is most alive to the growth of his own church in grace, in knowledge, in numbers and beneficent labors will be most anxious for the volume and vigor of the denominational literature. Pamphlets, books and papers setting forth the doctrines of the church must be convincing and unanswerable. Then there are the children of the church. The best and none less than the best should be provided for them.

Until we have a strong denominational literature; until the Publishing House has the united patronage and support of the entire church, all other interests and enterprises of the church must remain more or less crippled. We may establish missions and found colleges, but neither will bear lasting fruit nor accomplish successful evangelization, until the church has learned to put its best brain, its brightest scholarship, and its money into a literature that will prove a tower of strength and a mighty force in the propagation of the great principles of the gospel which make the Brethren church a separate organization. Publication should have the strongest support and most consummate management. Let this most valuable and yet much neglected interest claim the first care of the coming conference.

If we love the church, if we aspire to secure for it a great future; if we wish to see it expand into national and international extent and influence, if we desire to bequeath to succeeding generations denominational institutions which crystalize the highest and most efficient methods of co-operative energy, if we hope to see the spirit and genius of the church embodied in literary forms which will impress it indelibly upon the thought of this and succeeding generations, let us put an end to the inadequate, crippled patronage of our Publishing House, and at once give it that organization and equipment, and that financial grounding which is essential to its highest usefulness and most complete success.

The citizens of Boston and vicinity, without reference to party relations, have united in the following remonstrance against the proposed vast increase of naval expenditures:

"To the President, the Secretary of the Navy, and the Members of Congress:

"We regret to learn that the estimates for the navy for the coming fiscal year aggregate nearly one hundred millions of dollars.

"This is about five times the amount expended only ten years ago. The new estimates amount to an average cost of over six dollars for every family in the country. Half this sum applied to education would support five thousand manual training schools, at nearly ten thousand dollars apiece, thru-out the United States.

"We believe that it is a needless extravagance to take for this purpose anything like one hundred millions out of the pockets of the people.

"We hold that the maintenance of a vast machinery of war is not only a serious burden upon the people, but a positive menace to the peace of the world.

"For more than a hundred years the United States has borne the honorable tradition of a nation which had no need of great armaments. We urge all who believe in justice, good will, and humanity as the great safeguards of the interests of the nation to exert their influence to maintain this high distinction."